

Dear Mr. President:

We protest against our government's policy in Vietnam. It is clear that a meaningful victory in Vietnam is impossible: to create a wasteland occupied by thousands of troops for many years is not a meaningful victory. In this light, the present U. S. policy of saturation bombing to lay waste vast areas, thereby creating a demoralized refugee population and destroying Vietnamese culture and social fabric is intolerable and should be terminated. We should move as swiftly as possible to end the slaughter and bring about a prompt negotiated peace.

1. We believe that the Government of the United States has not made all possible efforts to negotiate a cease-fire in Vietnam.
2. We believe that the U.S. Government should cease its bombing of North and South Vietnam and halt troop increases as initiatives toward a cease-fire.
3. We believe that the U. S. Government should be willing to negotiate with the National Liberation Front (Viet Cong) as well as with Hanoi.
4. We believe that an international force should replace all foreign troops and supervise free elections in North and South Vietnam. Such an international force should be assembled from countries not parties to the conflict.
5. We believe that the U. S. must seek to prevent future crises of this kind by assisting, not suppressing, forces of economic and social reform throughout the world.

Only new and bold initiatives can be expected to bring about prompt negotiations and a free choice for the Vietnamese people. We must stand firmly behind the principle of self-determination, accepting the right of the Vietnamese or any other people to choose its destiny, whatever the form of government that choice involves.

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